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1. DECEMBER 19 DIARIO DE NOTICIAS REPORTS LIBYAN OBSERVER DELEGATION TO PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST CONGRESS CONSISTING OF AMMAR DAW, DELEGATION HEAD AND SPOKESMAN, RAMADAM A. SHEREMI, LIBYAN CONSUL IN MADRID, M. A. DREDI, MOFTAH SEADAW, AND SALEM BUSHRIDA HAVE HAD "MOST USEFUL AND VALUABLE" CONTACTS WITH PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS AND ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF ARAB COUNTRIES AND HAVE SIGNALLED LIBYAN INTEREST IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC AID TO PORTUGAL.

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2. SHEREMI CITED RESOLUTION OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIAL SITUATION AS PRECONDITION TO AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS SECTORS. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ABOUT OPENING A LIBYAN INVESTMENT BANK IN PORTUGAL, SPOKESMAN DAW RESPONDED THAT "ALL THIS COULD BE POSSIBLE AFTER FULLY ASCERTAINING ALL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE, THAT IS TO SAY, WE ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL WITH THE INSTALLATION HERE OF A LIBYAN OR LUSO-LIBYAN BANK."

3. COMMENT: THE LIBYANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY USED THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY AS A CONDUIT FOR CONTACTS WITH THE GOP, A CONVENIENT MEANS IN VIEW OF FACT THAT GOP FONMIN IS HEAD OF SOCIALIST PARTY.
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